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Title of Proposed Action: State of Nevada Access Road, N93557														
Lead Preparer: Marissa Murphy	NEPA ID No: BLM-NV- E0 30 (Wells) - 2013- 2015-0004 - CX													
Type of Action (Subject Code): 1430	Case File No.: NVN-093557													
Applicant (if any): State of Nevada Division of State Lands	Proposal Date: 11/19/2014													
Location: North of Wells, Elko County, Nevada Legal Description: MDM T. 40N., R. 63E. section 26 Township, Range, Section(s) (If more than one TRS, show on attachment)														
A. Proposed Action The State of Nevada is requesting an access road right-of-way to access State owned property. It is for a road off of Highway 93 approximately 2 1/2 miles north of Wells, NV (Sewell Road). The road already has an existing right-of-way on it (NVN-060456) to the Reece Nash Family Trust. The State of Nevada is requesting a 2,640 ft by 60 ft access which is wholly within the existing road right-of-way; it will contain approximately 3.636 acres of public land.														
B. Land Use Plan Conformance This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the selected applicable resource management plan(s) (RMP) and/or amendment(s) (43 CFR 1610.5: BLM Manual Section 1617.3): <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT</u></th><th style="text-align: center;"><u>TUSCARORA Field Office</u></th><th style="text-align: center;"><u>WELLS Field Office</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Elko and Wells RMPs Fire Management Amendment (Approved 9/29/2004)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP (Approved 3/11/1987)</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP (Approved 7/16/1985)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 10/15/2003)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 2/2/1993)</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Elk Amendment (Approved 2/14/1993)</td></tr></tbody></table>			<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TUSCARORA Field Office</u>	<u>WELLS Field Office</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Elko and Wells RMPs Fire Management Amendment (Approved 9/29/2004)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP (Approved 3/11/1987)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP (Approved 7/16/1985)		<input type="checkbox"/> Elko RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 10/15/2003)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Wild Horse Amendment (Approved 2/2/1993)			<input type="checkbox"/> Wells RMP Elk Amendment (Approved 2/14/1993)
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C. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CX) under the NEPA Manual (516 DM), and has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances apply. The applicable categorical exclusion is: 1. BLM Categorical Exclusion pursuant to 516 DM 11.9 2. E. Realty 3. 12. Grants of ROW wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed ROW.														
D. Conclusion and Signature Based upon this review, I have determined that the Proposed Action, as described, is in conformance with the land use plan and meets criteria for the selected CX. There is no potential for significant impacts. Therefore, the action is excluded from farther environmental analysis and documentation. Managers Name /s/ Bryan Bulligan <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td>Title Wells Field Manager</td><td>Date 5/13/2015</td></tr></table>			Title Wells Field Manager	Date 5/13/2015										
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*Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

Each of the following questions must be answered negatively, by all resource specialists participating on the interdisciplinary team before this CX may be approved (516DM).

Resource Concerns		Yes	No
1. Will this project have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?			X
2. Will this project adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as: (a) historic or cultural resources; (b) park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers; (c) sole or principal drinking water aquifers; (d) prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or (e) ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior's National Register of Natural Landmarks?			(a) X (b) X (c) X (d) X (e) X
3. Will this project have highly controversial environmental effects?			X
4. Will this project have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			X
5. Will this project establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?			X
6. Will this project be related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?			X
7. Will this project have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?			X
8. Will this project have adverse effects on species listed or proposed for listing on the Threatened or Endangered Species List, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?			X
9. Will this project require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?			X
10. Will this project threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			X
11. Will this project limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites? (Executive Order 13007— Sacred Sites)			X
12. Will this project contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species?			X
Reviewers and Comments			
Resource	Specialist Name	Comment	Initials
AFM – Non-Renewables	Elisabeth Puentes	None	
AFM – Renewables	Melanie Mirati	No Concerns	
Air/Hydrology/Soils	Mark Dean	No Concerns	
Archaeology	Wes Allen	No Concerns	
Biologist Fisheries and/or Wildlife	Kelly Fischer	Please See Attached Memo	
Cultural/Native American Concerns	Wes Allen	No Concerns	
Grazing/Range Mgmt	Jeff Moore	No Removal or alteration of range improvements No Concerns otherwise	
Env. Justice/Health			
Recreation Planner	Kristine Dedolph	No Concerns	
Weed Specialist	Sam Cisney	No Concerns	